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INTERIOR DEPARTMENT AWARDS FIRST FUNDS UNDER NEW FISHERY PROGRAM

Initial Federal funds totaling about \$750,000 have been allocated to

five States under the Anadromous Fish Act, Secretary of the Interior

Stewart L. Udall announced today.

The Act seeks to conserve and develop the Nation's anadromous fishes (those that ascend rivers from the sea for spawning). The Act also covers Great Lakes fishes that spawn in tributary streams. First recipients of Federal funds are Michigan, Washington, Maine, Oregon, and California.

Thirteen projects involving research, stream improvement, and construction of fishways, spawning channels, and hatcheries are involved.

"These Federal-State cooperative projects will have long-range benefits for the Nation's commercial and sport fishermen," Secretary Udall said.

The Federal contributions are for Fiscal Year 1967, which began July 1. Allocations by States are Michigan, \$210,000; Washington, \$202,500; Maine, \$130,000; Oregon, \$120,500; California, \$95,000.

The Anadromous Fish Act is administered jointly by Interior's Bureau of Commercial Fisheries and the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife. Under the law, Federal funds may be used to finance up to 50 percent of stipulated projects.

Federal money totaling \$2 million for fiscal year 1967 is available on a matching basis under this legislation to 31 States bordering the oceans or Great Lakes. The Act, passed in 1965, authorizes Federal appropriations up to \$25 million through June 30, 1970. No State may receive more than \$1 million in any one year.

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